

Agency Activity Inventory
by Agency
Appropriation Period: FY 2007-08

Agency: E08 - Secretary of State

Functional Group: Legislative,
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Administrative

114 Administration

The Administration Department of the Secretary of State provides executive leadership, policy development and implementation, legal services, financial services, information technology and human resources for the agency.

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Total	General Funds	Federal Funds	Supp. Funds	CRF	Other Funds	FTEs
\$339,617	\$285,307	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,310	4.50

Expected Results:

Effective and efficient administration of the agency. Ensure courteous and quick service for all customers.

Outcome Measures:

Administration oversees agency that in 06-07 brought in general fund revenue totaling \$5,455,069, over 5.8 times it's appropriated monies.

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115 Corporations

The Corporations Division handles, reviews and processes all business filings for both South Carolina and out-of-state corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, nonprofit corporations and cooperatives. The division also handles many customer inquiries and provides a telephone customer service center. The division retrieves and provides historical documents for all entities that have registered in the office. Primary customers are law firms, CPAs, service companies and business people. The Corporations Division's activities are required by S.C. Code Title 33 (the corporate code) particularly Chapters 1- 19, 31, 42, 44 and 45-49.

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Total	General Funds	Federal Funds	Supp. Funds	CRF	Other Funds	FTEs
\$378,273	\$287,756	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,517	7.50

Expected Results:

Quick, efficient review and filing of corporate documents. Speedy customer service, particularly in phone room.

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Timely retrieval of corporate documents for customers.

Outcome Measures:

Total filings for 06-07 were 58,165. More than 63,000 phone calls received in Corporations customer support phone room.

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116 Uniform Commercial Code

The Uniform Commercial Code Division handles, reviews and processes all Uniform Commercial Code filings for customers, particularly banks, financial institutions and law firms. The division also processes customer search requests for documents necessary for financing transactions. This division's activities are mandated by S.C. Code Title 36, Chapter 9.

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Total	General Funds	Federal Funds	Supp. Funds	CRF	Other Funds	FTEs
\$234,310	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$174,310	4.50

Expected Results:

Quick, efficient review and filing of Uniform Commercial Code documents. Accurate search requests completed in order to insure quality financial transactions.

Outcome Measures:

Total filings for 06-07 were 127,701.

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117 Notaries and Apostilles

This division receives, reviews and files all notary applications. Also, this division reviews all documents submitted for apostille and apostilles those that are appropriate. The statutory mandate for this division is Title 26, chapters 1 and 3.

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Total	General Funds	Federal Funds	Supp. Funds	CRF	Other Funds	FTEs
\$50,436	\$38,367	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,069	1.00

Expected Results:

Speedy and courteous handling of notary applications and questions and with documents to be apostilled.

Outcome Measures:

Total notary filings for 06-07 were 15,518. Total apostille/certification filings - 20,537. Duties also shared with Boards & Commissions, see below.

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118 Boards, Commissions, Acts & Resolutions

This division receives, reviews and files all appointments to all boards and commissions. The division also files all acts and resolutions. Duties are statutorily required by S.C. Code 1-5-40.

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Total	General Funds	Federal Funds	Supp. Funds	CRF	Other Funds	FTEs
\$50,436	\$38,367	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,069	1.00

Expected Results:

Accurate filing of all acts, resolutions and orders and of all appointments to boards and commissions, including bonds and oaths.

Outcome Measures:

Total filings for 06-07 - 4,361. Duties shared with Notaries & Apostilles, see above.

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119 Charities, Special Purpose Districts, Municipal Incorporations and Annexations

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This division's primary responsibility is the registration and regulation of all public charities soliciting in South Carolina, including all persons and entities fundraising on their behalf. Duties include review of all registration statements, annual financial reports and joint financial reports. The division also includes two investigators who review and investigate all matters concerning charitable solicitations. One employee in this division does have an additional duty to maintain all registrations and applications for special purpose districts, municipal incorporations and annexations. The charities division statutory authority is Title 33, Chapter 56. Special purpose districts - Title 6, Chapter 16; municipal incorporations - Title 5, Chapter 1; annexations - Title 5, chapter 3.

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Total	General Funds	Federal Funds	Supp. Funds	CRF	Other Funds	FTEs
\$1,021,670	\$287,756	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$733,914	7.50

Expected Results:

Responsible, efficient oversight of more than 7,000 charities and 900 professional solicitors. Accurate review of financial reports. Aggressive investigation of solicitors who mislead the public about charitable donations. Prompt filing of special purpose district, municipal incorporation employment agency license applications, and annexation documents.

Outcome Measures:

This division handled 14,554 filings in 06-07. This included 7,735 charity registrations and exemption filings, 904 professional fundraiser/solicitor registrations, and 5,842 annual financial reports filed. The division collected \$184,261 in fine revenue from late reports and court actions against fraudulent telemarketers. The division also filed the following: Special purpose district filings 294, Employment agencies 389, and annexations 309.

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120 Trademarks, Service of Process, Employment Agencies, and Business Opportunities

This division handles the other registration, legal and investigative duties of the office. The division receives, processes and reviews applications and licenses for trademarks, employment agencies and business opportunities. One employee also investigates complaints concerning trademark violations, employment agencies violations and business opportunity fraud. Division also handles service of process on foreign corporations not authorized to do business in South Carolina. Statutory duties are found in S.C. Code 39-15-1110 (trademarks), 15-9-245 (service of process), 41-25-110 (employment agencies) and 39-57-40 (business opportunities).

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Total	General Funds	Federal Funds	Supp. Funds	CRF	Other Funds	FTEs
\$69,436	\$51,333	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,103	1.50

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Expected Results:

Prompt review of all trademark registrations and business opportunity applications. Cooperation with law enforcement in investigation of counterfeit goods cases and confiscation of counterfeit goods. Timely review of lawsuits against foreign corporations served on Secretary of State.

Outcome Measures:

Total trademarks filed for 06-07 - 836 an increase of over 63%. Total business opportunities filings - 206. Total service of process -642. Trademarks division also assisted law enforcement in the confiscation of over \$3.5 million in counterfeit goods and 36 arrests.

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1658 Computer System upgrade

These funds will be used to provide the most effective and efficient technology solutions for the office and our customers.

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\$25,218	\$19,184	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,034	0.50

Expected Results:

This activity will allow our customers to access and file documents via the internet allowing customers immediate access to documents and reducing the administrative burden on the office. Personnel and operating expenses can then be shifted to other rapidly growing areas of the office.

Outcome Measures:

Provide customers immediate access to Agency databases and images via the Internet as well as the ability to file some documents electronically.

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1788 Cable Franchise Authority

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The division is responsible for processing all requests for cable franchises and issuing certificates of authority according to section 58-12-310 of SC state law.

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Total	General Funds	Federal Funds	Supp. Funds	CRF	Other Funds	FTEs
\$56,654	\$44,585	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,069	1.00

Expected Results:

All applications shall be processed fully within the time limitations set forth by law.

Outcome Measures:

In FY 06-07 the agency processed cable franchising applications affecting all 296 municipalities in SC.

EXPLANATION:

The activity was included in activity number 120 for FY 06-07; however, the activity warrants a separate activity number as the program is very specific in nature and deals with one activity as prescribed by section 58-12-310 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

AGENCY TOTALS

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TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS	TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	TOTAL OTHER FUNDS
\$2,226,050	\$1,112,655	\$0	\$1,113,395
	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	TOTAL FTEs
	\$0	\$0	29.00